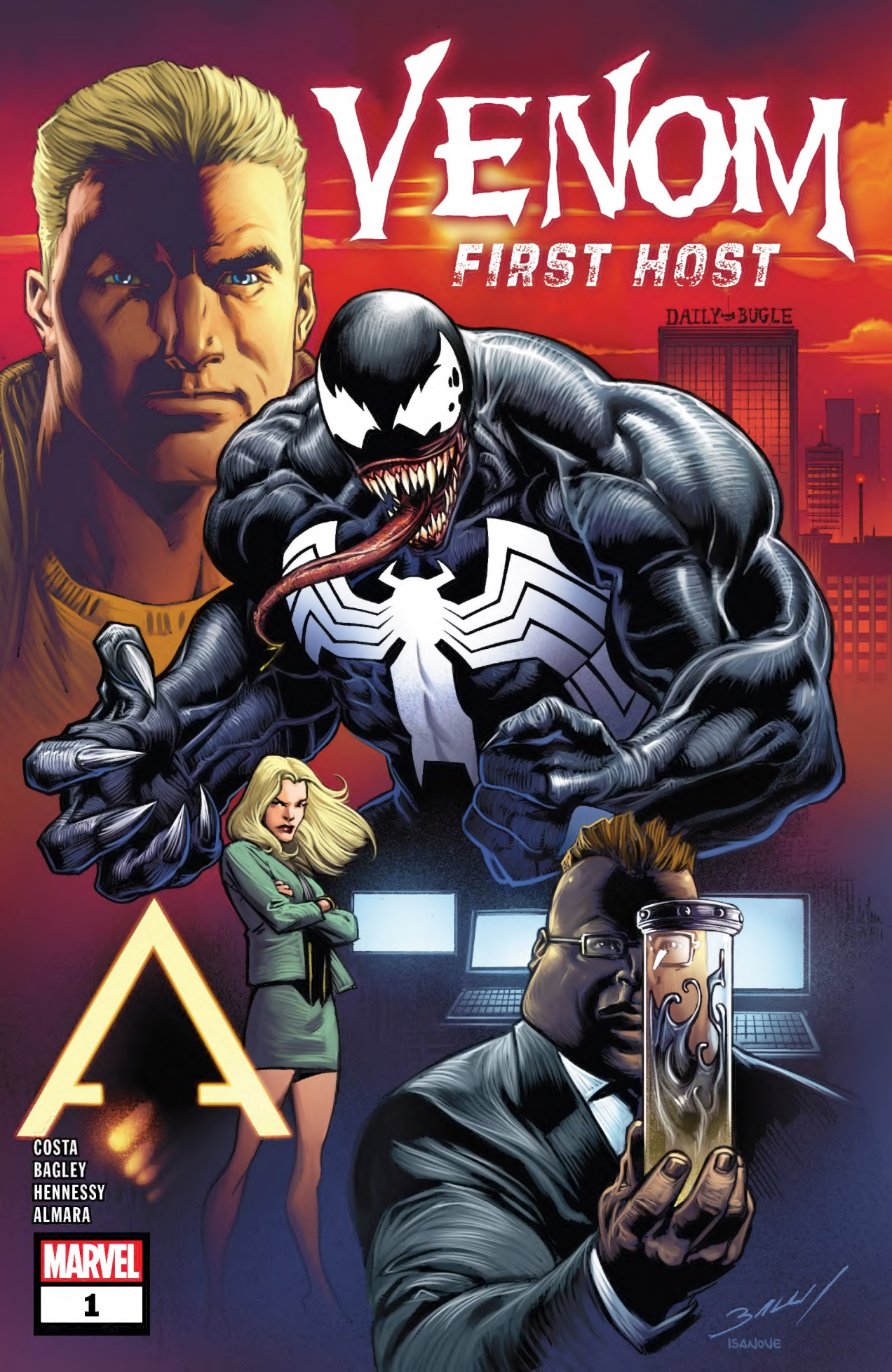


VENOM

FIRST HOST

DAILY BUGLE



COSTA
BAGLEY
HENNESSY
ALMARA

MARVEL

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ISAAC JOVE

YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM KNOWN AS A SYMBIOTE. UNITED BY THEIR SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, AND GIFTED WITH POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN (ALONG WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES), THE TWO FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER VENOM.

ONE OF THOSE UNIQUE POWERS IS THE ABILITY TO SPAWN SYMBIOTES, EACH WITH ITS OWN PERSONALITY AND UNIQUE POWERSSET.

EDDIE AND THE SYMBIOTE HAVE JUST WELCOMED THEIR NEWEST PROGENY TO THE WORLD. HOWEVER, EDDIE IS NOT THE FIRST PERSON TO HAVE BONDED TO THE SYMBIOTE, AND WHETHER THEY'VE KNOWN IT OR NOT, VENOM'S PAST HAS NEVER BEEN FAR BEHIND THEM...

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FIRST HOST



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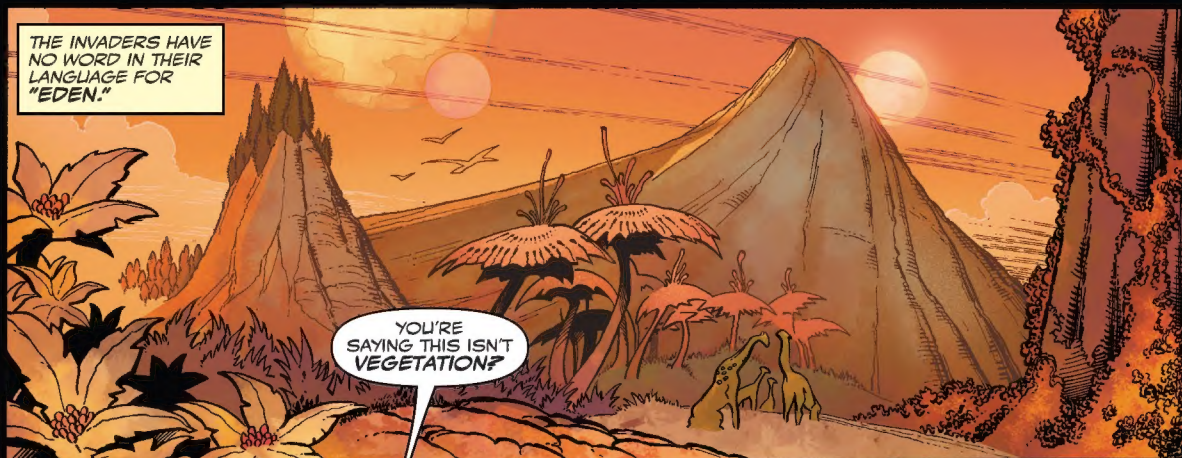
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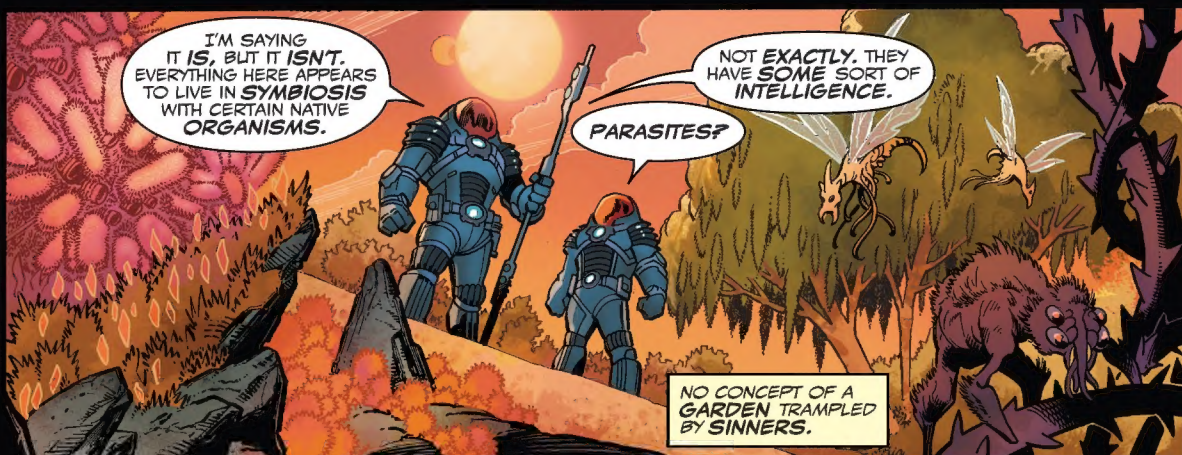
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A VENOM EPIC BY COSTA, BAGLEY, ALMARA AND COWLES.



THE FIRST HOST

YEARS LATER, IN THE
THROES OF THE
KREE/SKRULL WAR.



WHY ARE WE
WASTING OUR
TIME ENGAGING IN
BATTLE, AND BOARDING
KREE VESSELS, D'LITZ?
WE SHOULD BE BRINGING
OUR REPORT TO THE
THRONE WORLD
IMMEDIATELY.



I THINK
AFTER WHAT WE
DISCOVERED, WE
DESERVE A
LITTLE R&R.

AND YOU
KNOW THE BEST
THING ABOUT REFUGEE
TRANSPORTS,
RIGHT?

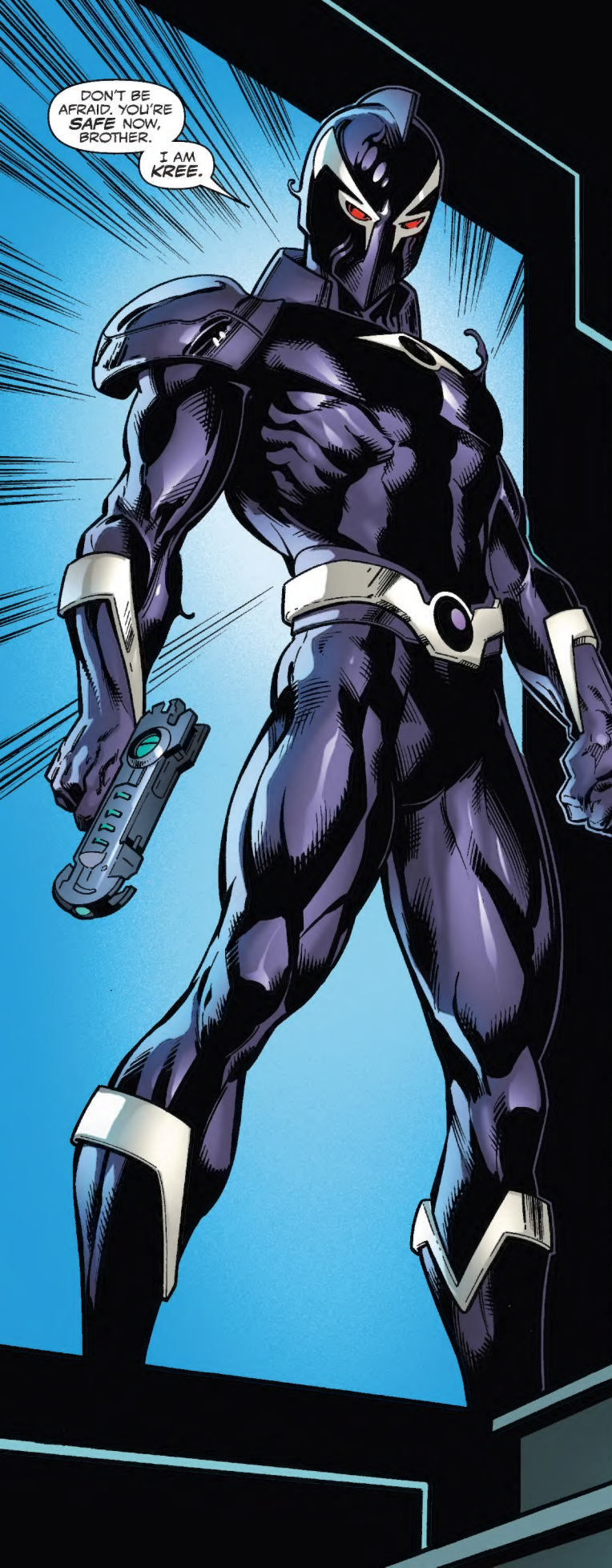


THEY'RE FULL OF
REFUGEES.



PLEASE, WE'RE AN
UNARMED CIVILIAN
CRAFT.





DON'T BE
AFRAID. YOU'RE
SAFE NOW,
BROTHER.

I AM
KREE.



QUICKLY--
GET TO THE
ESCAPE VESSELS
AND CONTACT
HALA.



THERE ARE MORE SKRULLS BEHIND ME.
THEY'LL SEE RECORDINGS OF WHAT
HAPPENED HERE AND MY COVER
WILL BE BLOWN.



I...I KNOW YOU.
I RECOGNIZE YOU FROM
OUR BARRACKS.

YOU'RE
TEL-KAR.

BUT...OUR
COMMANDING
OFFICER SAID
YOU FLED AFTER
THE OUTSET OF
THE WAR. YOU
DESERTED.



A COVER
STORY--IN
CASE THE SKRULLS
CAPTURED
ME.

I'VE BEEN IN
DEEP COVER
WITH THIS SKRULL
UNIT SINCE THE
EARLY DAYS.



WITH THAT
STRANGE SUIT...
AND YOU THREW THAT
ALL AWAY JUST NOW
FOR LIS?

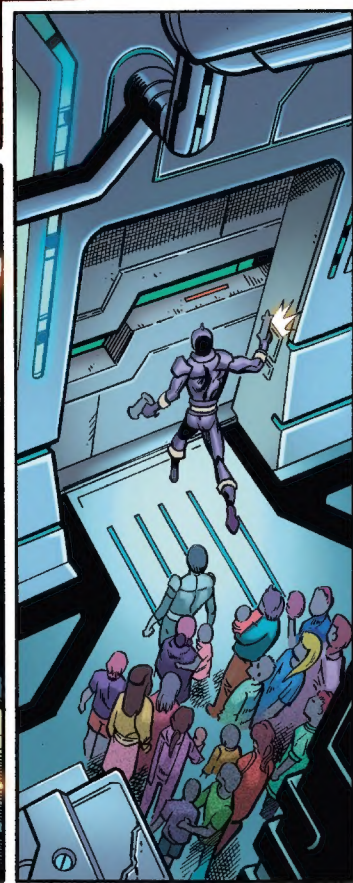
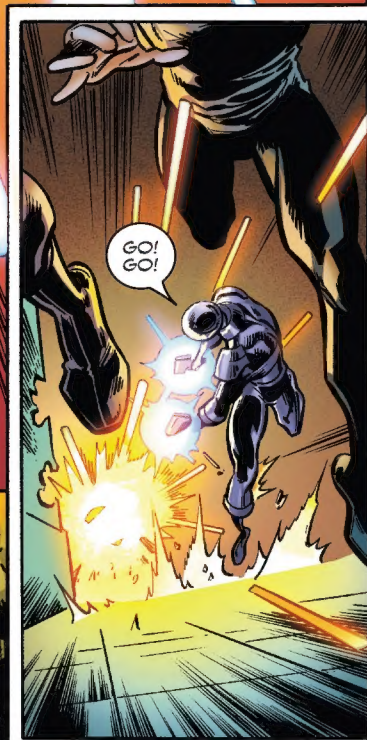


I WILL
NOT KILL
KREE.



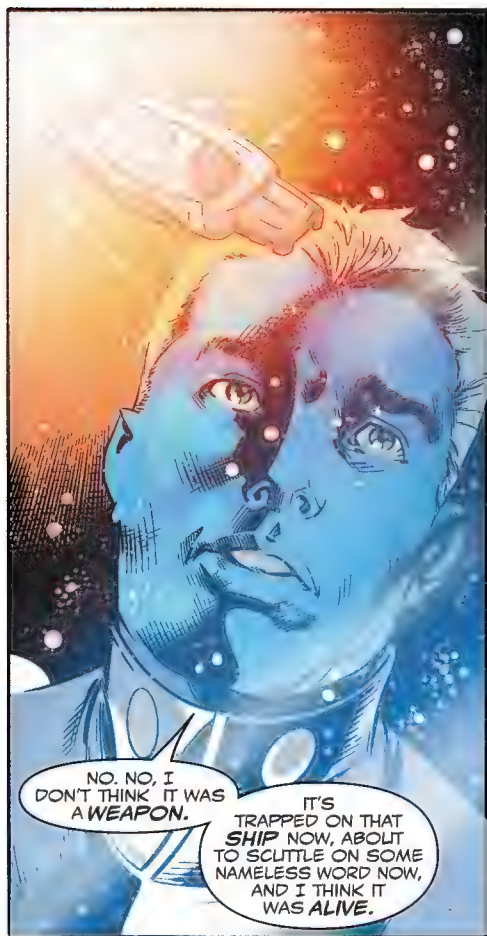
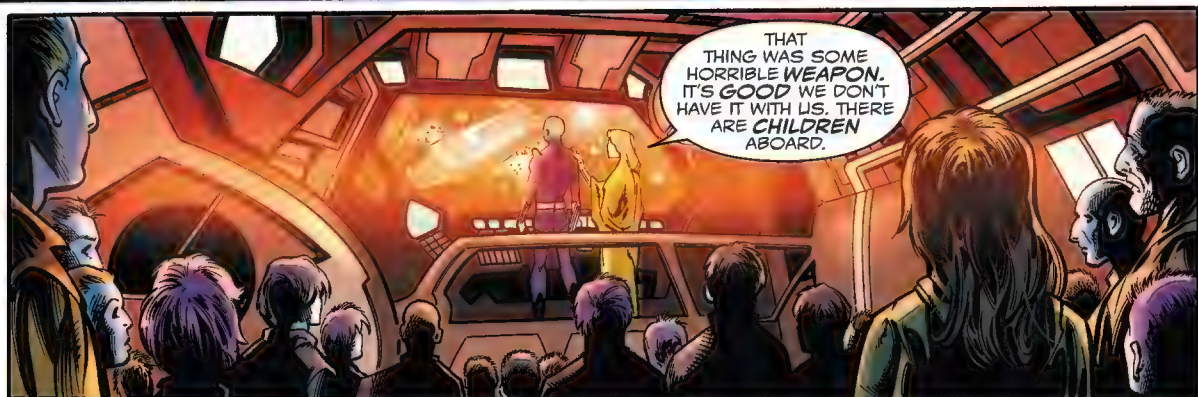
MY
MISSION
WAS OVER
ANYWAY.

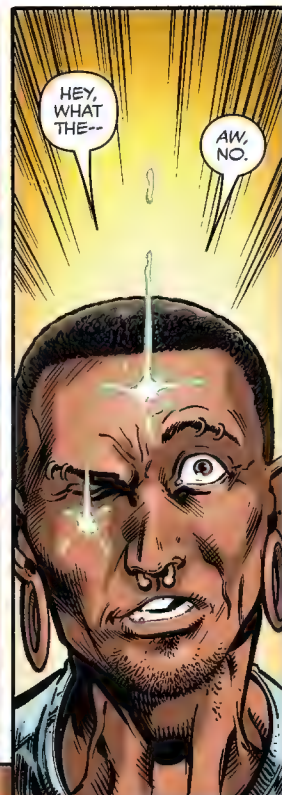
THE SKRULL
TEAM I WAS INSERTED
WITH **DISCOVERED**
SOMETHING AND I HAVE
TO REPORT IT BACK TO--











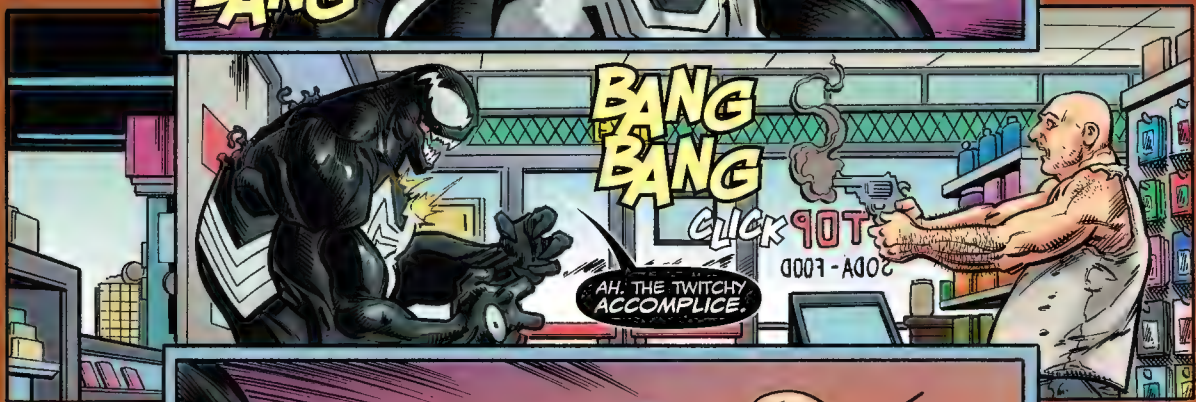


LITTLE PARASITE, YOU ENJOY THE FEAR IN THEIR FACES, DON'T YOU?
WE CAN TEACH YOU FEAR, LITTLE BOY.



BANG
BANG
BANG

HMF



BANG
BANG

CLICK 90T
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AH, THE TWITCHY ACCOMPLICE.

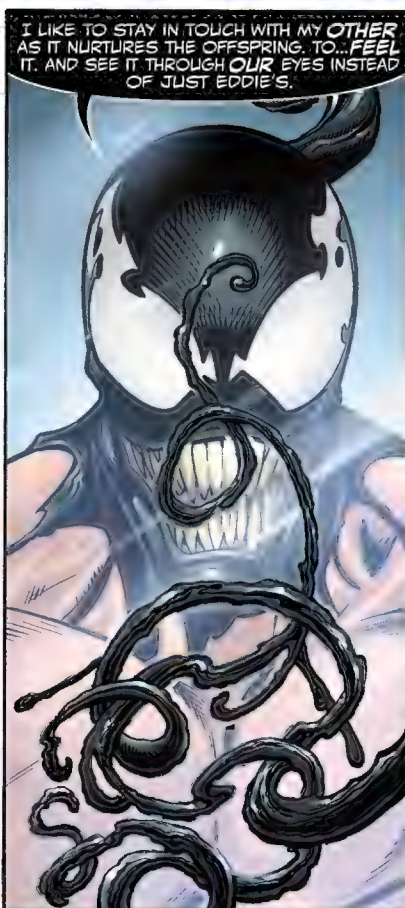


DON'T BE A FOOL, BOY. THIS IS A NIGHTMARE.
AND IN A NIGHTMARE...

...YOU CAN'T STOP THE MONSTER.









WHAT IS
THIS? SOME KIND OF
CONTRACT?



YES. FOR THE
PHARMACEUTICAL
APPLICATIONS OF YOUR
YOUNG SYMBIOTE
DOWN HERE.

WHAT
DO YOU THINK
WE DO HERE,
BROCK?



"PHARMACEUTICAL
APPLICATIONS"?

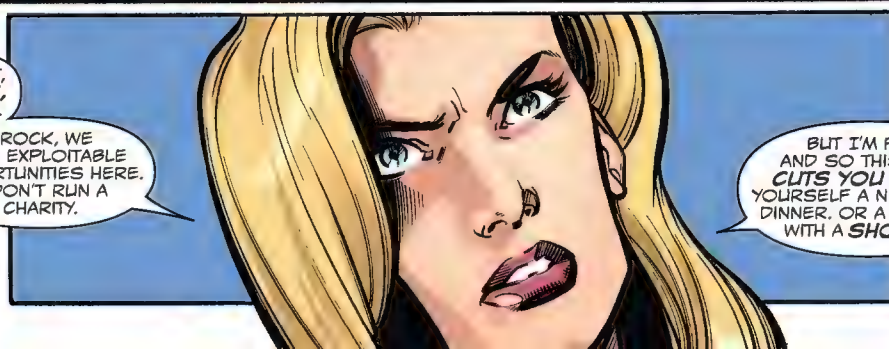
WE'VE
DISCOVERED THAT
THE YOUNG SYMBIOTE
NATURALLY PRODUCES
METABOLIC BY-PRODUCTS
THAT HAVE CERTAIN...
PSYCHOACTIVE
PROPERTIES.

IN
HUMAN TRIALS
WE'VE OBSERVED
ELPHORIA, LIGHT
SEDATIVE QUALITIES,
AND IN LARGER DOSES,
DISINHIBITION AND AN
EMPATHOGENIC
STATE.



"HUMAN
TRIALS"? WHO
ARE YOU...WAIT,
ARE YOU USING THIS
ON YOURSELF? ARE
YOU...GETTING HIGH
OFF MY BABY'S
SWEAT?

KENDRICK
LAMAR WAS
PLAYING THE BOWERY
BALLROOM AND I
DON'T ANSWER
TO YOU.



ALL RIGHT,
ENOUGH,
YOU TWO.

BROCK, WE
HAVE EXPLOITABLE
OPPORTUNITIES HERE.
I DON'T RUN A
CHARITY.

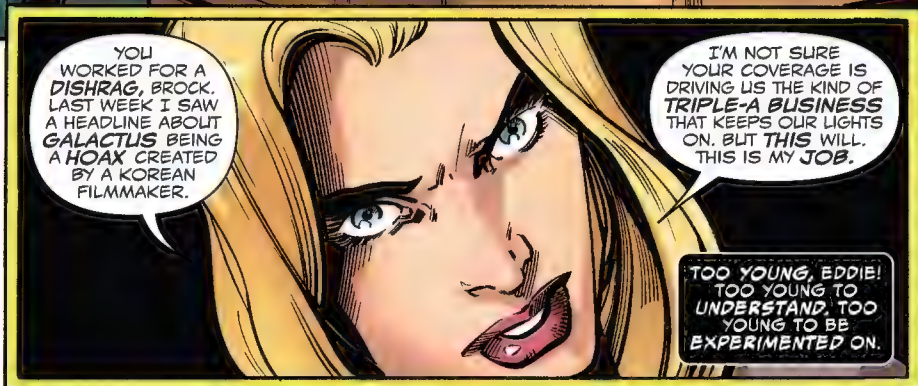
BUT I'M FAIR,
AND SO THIS DEAL
CUTS YOU IN. BUY
YOURSELF A NICE STEAK
DINNER. OR A **HOUSE.**
WITH A **SHOWER.**

WANT TO
MAKE MONEY
OFF A LIVING
THING?

YOU'RE NOT
CUTTING ME IN, LIZ.
THIS IS A PAYOFF. TO KEEP
ME QUIET ON WHERE YOUR
NEW WONDER DRUGS
COME FROM...

...AND TO
KEEP VENOM
FROM PUTTING A
STOP TO YOUR
EXPERIMENTS.

AND
TO THINK OF
ALL THE POSITIVE
PRESS I GAVE
YOU.



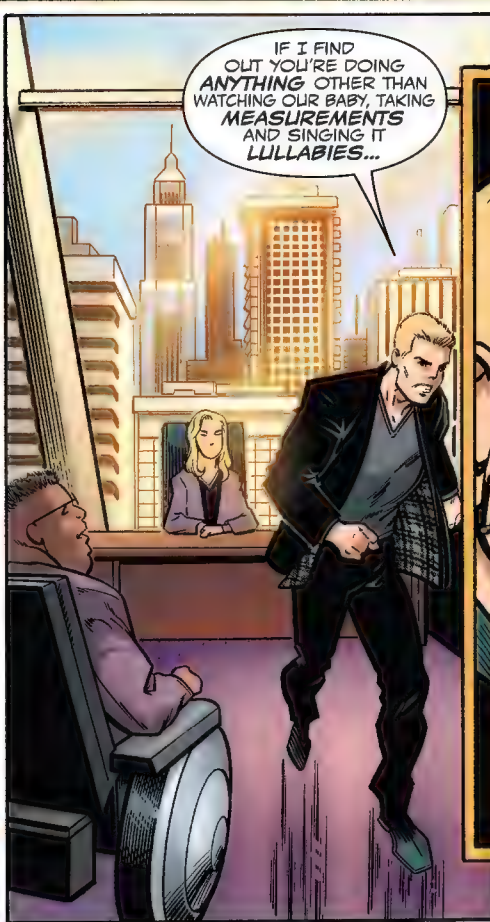
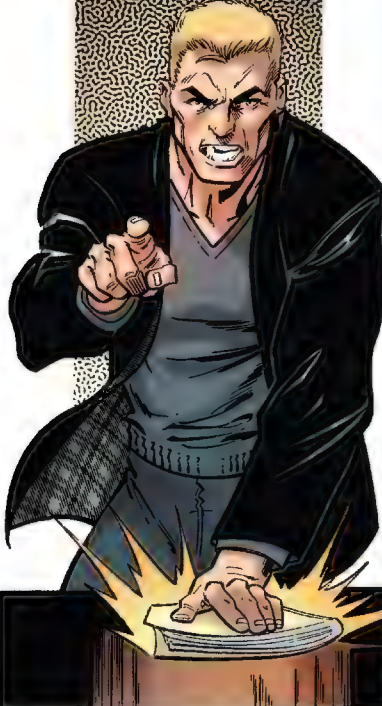
YOU
WORKED FOR A
DISHRAG, BROCK.
LAST WEEK I SAW
A HEADLINE ABOUT
GALACTUS BEING
A HOAX CREATED
BY A KOREAN
FILMMAKER.

I'M NOT SURE
YOUR COVERAGE IS
DRIVING US THE KIND OF
TRIPLE-A BUSINESS
THAT KEEPS OUR LIGHTS
ON. BUT **THIS** WILL.
THIS IS MY JOB.

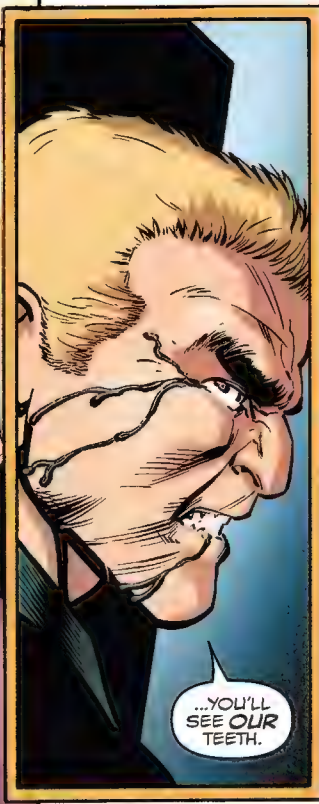
TOO YOUNG, EDDIE!
TOO YOUNG TO
UNDERSTAND. TOO
YOUNG TO BE
EXPERIMENTED ON.

YOUR **JOB** IS
TO KEEP OUR BABY
SAFE. AND WHILE YOU
DO THAT, YOU CAN **STUDY**
IT, FOR **BOTH** OF US. NOT
EXPLOIT IT FOR
YOURSELF.

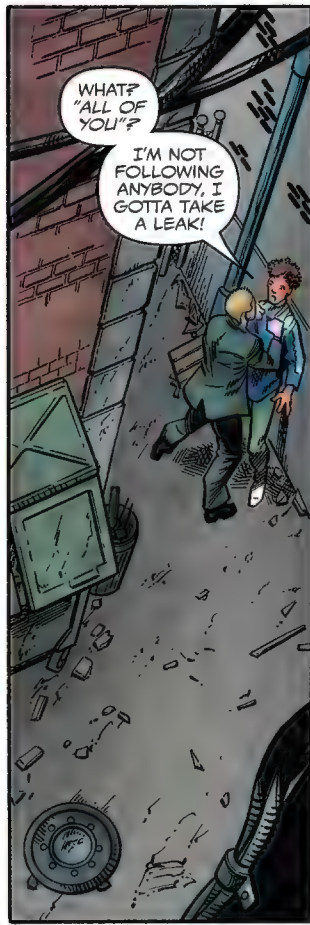
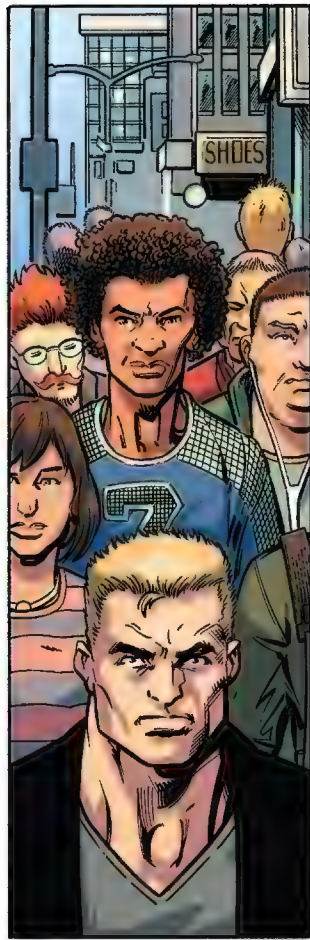
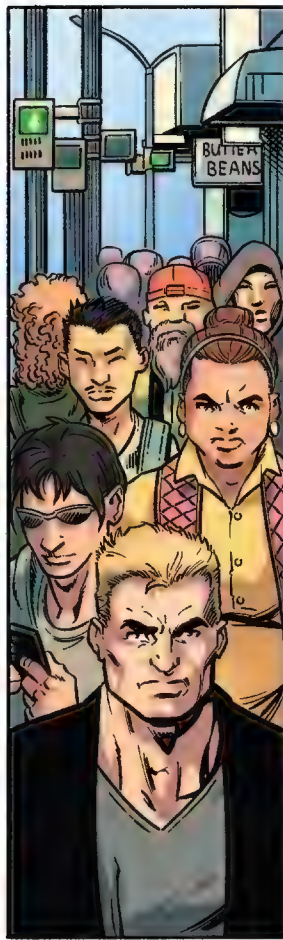
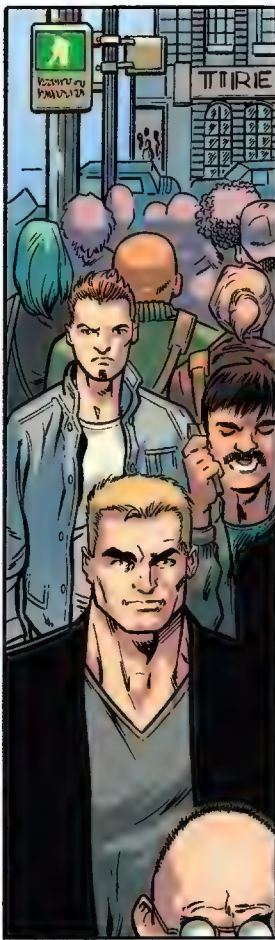
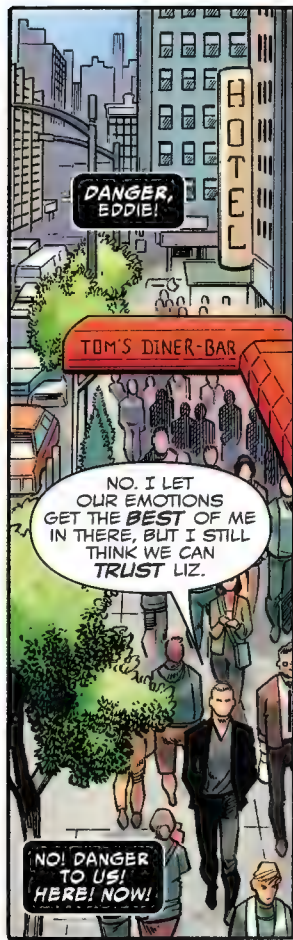
I KNEW
YOU HAD
TEETH, LIZ. I
DIDN'T KNOW
YOU WERE A
VAMPIRE.



IF I FIND
OUT YOU'RE DOING
ANYTHING OTHER THAN
WATCHING OUR BABY, TAKING
MEASUREMENTS
AND SINGING IT
LULLABIES...



...YOU'LL
SEE **OUR**
TEETH.







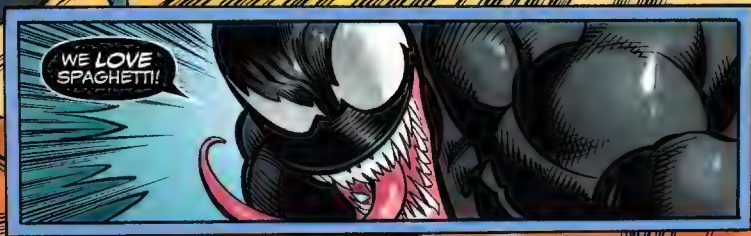
GET
OUTTA HERE,
KID...



VENOM
WILL HANDLE THIS
IMPOSTOR!

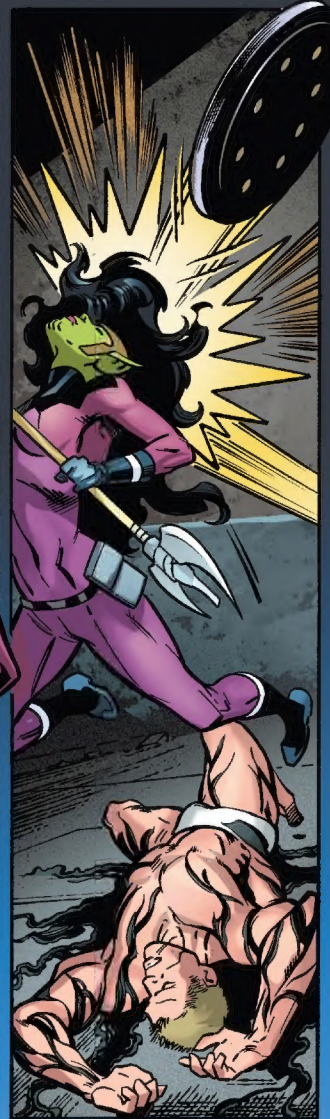
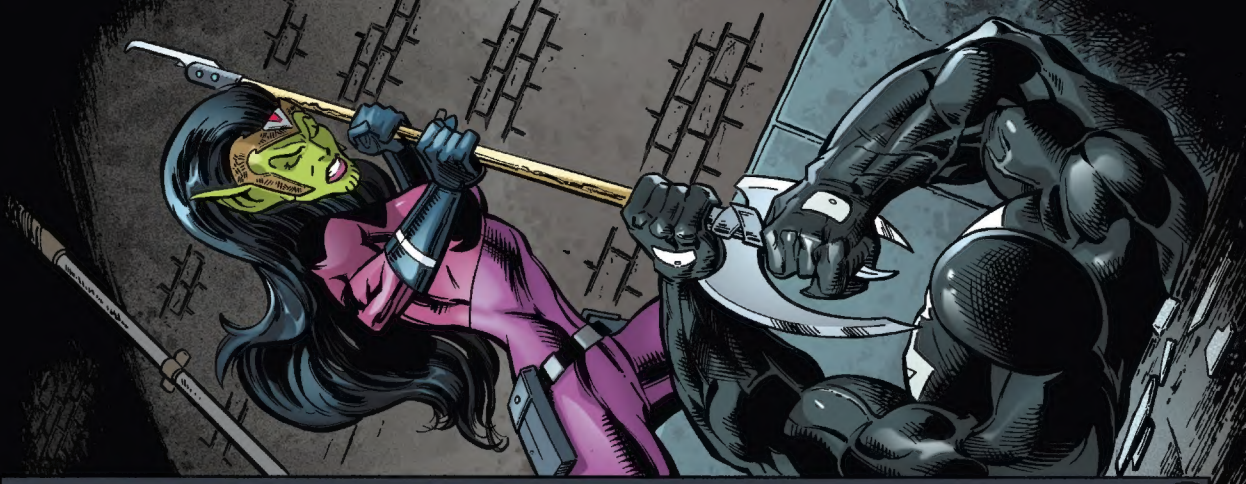


JUST LIKE
SPAGHETTI!



WE LOVE
SPAGHETTI!







GET
AWAY...

...FROM MY
SYMBIOTE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT



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AN  ROBOROS
RELEASE - DCP